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10 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
11 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
12 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

13 WAYMO LLC,

14 Plaintiff,

15 vs.

16 UBER TECHNOLOGIES, INC.;
OTTOMOTTO LLC; OTTO TRUCKING
17 LLC,

18 Defendants.

CASE NO. 3:17-cv-00939

**PLAINTIFF WAYMO LLC'S
SUPPLEMENTAL BRIEF REGARDING
MOTION IN LIMINE 4**

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1 Pursuant to the Court's October 16 Order (Dkt. 2009), Waymo respectfully submits a
 2 supplemental brief in support of Waymo's Motion *In Limine* No 4 (Dkt. 913).

3 **BACKGROUND**

4 In its Motion *In Limine* No. 4, Waymo asked that the Court preclude any argument, testimony,
 5 or evidence about efforts taken in response to the Court's Preliminary Injunction Order. (*Id.*) Uber
 6 responded that it plans to rely on three "facts" to show that the "downloaded materials" did not make
 7 it to Uber: (1) Uber's forensics expert conducted searches for the "downloaded files;" (2) Uber fired
 8 Levandowski when he did not return "downloaded materials"¹; and (3) Uber "allowed" Waymo to
 9 inspect Uber's facilities and Uber contends (incorrectly) that Waymo "found nothing." (Dkt. 978.) At
 10 the July 26 hearing, Waymo argued that Uber should not be permitted to rely on its post-litigation
 11 purported "good citizenship" in allegedly trying to find the "downloaded materials" because that
 12 would open the door to Waymo explaining that Uber was ordered to allow Waymo to inspect its
 13 ongoing LiDAR work and to Waymo presenting evidence of Uber's discovery misconduct. (Dkt.
 14 1050 - 7/26/17 Hearing Tr., 61:8-65:10, 69:2-73:2.) The Court permitted Waymo to submit a list of
 15 two dozen instances of Uber's discovery misconduct for the Court to consider. (*Id.*, 72:6-14; Dkt.
 16 1356.) The Court has not ruled on whether Waymo may introduce the misconduct at trial. In the
 17 meantime, further discovery revealed that, in addition to the bases set forth in Waymo's Motion (Dkt.
 18 913) and at the July 26 hearing, evidence of Defendants' post-litigation efforts to find the
 19 "downloaded materials" should be precluded because Defendants are improperly using the privilege
 20 as a sword and a shield, and the probative value of the evidence is outweighed by the danger of unfair
 21 prejudice, delay, waste of time, misleading the jury, and confusion of the issues.

22 **ARGUMENT**

23 The Court should reject Defendants' attempt to cherry-pick and produce only facts they deem
 24 favorable to their case and on which they want to rely. Courts have broad discretion to preclude
 25 testimony from parties who have attempted to use attorney-client privilege as "both [] a sword and a
 26 shield." *See Columbia Pictures Television, Inc. v. Krypton Broad. of Birmingham, Inc.*, 259 F.3d

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 28 ¹ This evidence is addressed in Waymo's Motion *In Limine* No. 14.

1 1186, 1196 (9th Cir. 2001) (district court precluded advice of counsel defense where defendant
 2 “refused to answer questions regarding his interactions with counsel at his deposition”). Although
 3 Uber wants to show it searched for Waymo’s stolen files and none ended up at Uber, through privilege
 4 objections, Uber denied Waymo the chance to fully test the breadth and adequacy of Uber’s searches.

5 **I. THE COURT SHOULD PRECLUDE EVIDENCE OF UBER’S SEARCHES.**

6 **A. Uber Withheld Information About the Searches as Privileged and So Cannot
 7 Rely Upon Them.**

8 Uber is withholding facts about its searches for the “downloaded materials.” Waymo
 9 deposed Uber in-house attorney, Angela Padilla, on October 2. Ms. Padilla is identified on Uber’s
 10 Trial Witness List as testifying regarding “confirmation of the absence of evidence of trade secret
 11 misappropriation through and during compliance with the Court’s provisional remedy order.”
 12 (Dkt. 1725-4.) Describing Uber’s purported efforts to find Waymo’s stolen files, Ms. Padilla used
 13 generalizations like moving “heaven and earth”, looking “under every rock”, and leaving “no
 14 stone unturned.” (Ex. A - Padilla Depo., 45:3-25; 49:6.) But when Waymo asked her specific
 15 questions about the details of what Uber did, she was routinely instructed not to answer based on
 16 privilege. For example, she was instructed not to answer questions on the following topics:
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- 18 • [REDACTED]
- 19 • [REDACTED]
- 20 • [REDACTED]
- 21 • [REDACTED]
- 22 • [REDACTED]

23 Other Uber witnesses were similarly instructed not to answer questions about these efforts on
 24 privilege grounds. (Ex. B - Suhr Depo., 347:6-348:8 ([REDACTED]
 25 [REDACTED], a
 26 topic on which he was designated to testify at trial); Ex. C - Yoo Depo., 120:24-121:2 ([REDACTED]
 27 [REDACTED]).)
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1 Uber will likely argue that it is not using privilege as a sword and a shield because it will
 2 introduce this evidence through its forensic expert. Uber certainly should not be permitted to
 3 introduce this evidence through Ms. Padilla, Mr. Suhr, or Ms. Yoo, based on their deposition
 4 testimony. But, Uber also should not be permitted to use an expert as an end-run around the rule
 5 against using privilege as a sword and a shield. Uber should not be allowed to argue to the jury
 6 that it left “no stone unturned” in searching for Waymo’s stolen documents, when Uber denied
 7 Waymo the ability to test the veracity of that statement. Put another way, Uber is withholding
 8 facts as privileged that could undermine Uber’s generic claim that it moved “heaven and earth” to
 9 try to find the “downloaded materials.” Uber should not be allowed to discuss its purportedly
 10 “thorough” search efforts when it refused to discuss the details of those efforts.

11 **B. Uber’s Forensics Searches Are More Prejudicial Than Probative.**

12 The Court should additionally exclude evidence or argument regarding Defendants’
 13 searches for the “downloaded materials” because its probative value is “substantially outweighed”
 14 by danger of unfair prejudice, confusing the issues, and misleading the jury. Fed. R. Evid. 403.
 15 As noted in Waymo’s prior briefing and as argued at the July 26 hearing, it will be unduly
 16 prejudicial to Waymo to allow Defendants to argue that they went to great lengths to search for the
 17 “downloaded materials” if Waymo cannot explain why Defendants did so—*i.e.*, because they were
 18 ordered to do so—or that Defendants engaged in discovery misconduct throughout the case. (Dkt.
 19 913; Dkt. 1050 - 7/26/17 Hearing Tr., 61:8-65:10, 69:2-73:2.) There is also a significant danger of
 20 confusing the issues and misleading the jury because of the many deficiencies in Uber’s expert’s
 21 searches, and Waymo’s inability to take discovery on the full scope of Uber’s efforts due to
 22 privilege objections. [REDACTED]

23 [REDACTED]
 24 [REDACTED]
 25 [REDACTED]

26 Moreover, he was not able to fully search the most likely location of the stolen files—
 27 Levandowski’s own computers—having only searched a partial back-up of one of his personal
 28 laptops and obtained search results that Levandowski’s counsel ran on Levandowski’s personal

1 laptops. (*Id.*, 74:10-16, 76:23-77:6.) Those laptops were not made available to Waymo, even
 2 though they were indirectly available to Uber's expert via Levandowski's counsel's searches.
 3 Although Waymo has ample cross-examination fodder for Uber's expert, there is a significant
 4 danger of confusing the issues and misleading the jury given Uber's withholding of information
 5 about its searches. Evidence of only a partially disclosed forensic search should be precluded.

6 **II. THE COURT SHOULD PRECLUDE RELIANCE ON WAYMO'S INSPECTIONS.**

7 Defendants similarly should be precluded from introducing evidence or argument that
 8 Waymo conducted inspections at Uber and, according to Defendants, did not find evidence of
 9 misappropriation. Defendants do not have admissible evidence from a witness with personal
 10 knowledge who can testify about Waymo's inspections, Defendants are again improperly using
 11 privilege as a sword and shield, and this information should be precluded under Rule 403.

12 **A. Defendants Do Not Have Witnesses to Testify About the Inspections.**

13 As Waymo explained in its Motion, the only persons with personal knowledge about the
 14 inspections are trial counsel from MoFo or Quinn Emanuel, and they are not on either side's trial
 15 witness lists.² (Dkt. 1725-2, 1725-4, 1725-5.) In response, Uber argued that "Angela Padilla and
 16 other Uber witnesses who were present at the inspections" would testify on this issue. (Dkt. 978,
 17 5.) Defendants cannot rely on Ms. Padilla's testimony on this topic. She was not present at the
 18 inspections. (Ex. A - Padilla Depo., 71:7-9) ("[REDACTED]
 19 [REDACTED]") All of the information she knows about the
 20 inspections is second-hand or privileged. (*Id.*, 72:6-11) ("[REDACTED]
 21 [REDACTED]
 22 [REDACTED]") She
 23 confirmed that "[REDACTED]
 24 [REDACTED]" would be privileged. (*Id.*, 73:13-17.) Because the
 25 witness Uber identified as having knowledge of the inspections does not have first-hand or non-
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27 ² Mr. Gonzalez is on Waymo's Trial Witness List, but was not present for Waymo's
 28 inspections.

1 privileged information, Uber cannot present this evidence or argument at trial.

2 Other witnesses on which Uber might have relied to testify about the inspections also
 3 cannot do so. Uber's Adam Kenvarg was the only non-lawyer involved in Waymo's inspections.
 4 But, he is not on Uber's Trial Witness List. (Dkt. 1725-4.) Ms. Yoo testified that she did not have
 5 any non-privileged information regarding the inspections. (Ex. C - Yoo Depo., 120:24-121:6.)
 6 Waymo's counsel asked Mr. Suhr if he had information about the purported absence of evidence
 7 through and during compliance with the Preliminary Injunction Order, and he responded that he
 8 had been instructed not to answer. (Ex. B - Suhr Depo., 347:25-348:6.) No other witnesses on
 9 Defendants' Trial Witness Lists attended Waymo's inspections, or know what Waymo's counsel
 10 looked at and what Waymo's counsel identified as evidence of misappropriation.

11 **B. Evidence of Waymo's Inspections Should be Precluded Under Rule 403.**

12 Even if Uber tries to introduce this evidence through other means, such as discovery
 13 responses³, evidence or argument about the inspections should be precluded pursuant to Rule 403.
 14 Fed. R. Evid. 403. The danger of delay and wasting time, misleading the jury and confusing the
 15 issues, greatly outweighs the probative value of the evidence. If Defendants introduce evidence of
 16 the inspections, that will open the door to Waymo explaining that the Court ordered Defendants to
 17 allow them and why. Waymo will also have to explain how discovery proceeds and that Waymo
 18 was not obligated to identify to Uber during the inspections which information is evidence of
 19 misappropriation. Waymo disclosed the evidence it will rely on; the form of discovery that
 20 uncovered it is not probative of any issue. All that is relevant is whether Waymo has evidence of
 21 misappropriation, not how or when Waymo discovered it. Explaining this to the jury will delay
 22 and waste time. There is also danger that the jury will be misled and be confused into thinking
 23 that Waymo must prove its evidence was discovered in the inspections. Thus, Defendants should
 24 be precluded from introducing evidence or argument about Waymo's inspections.

25 For the foregoing reasons and those set forth in Waymo's Motion and at the July 26
 26 hearing, this Court should grant Waymo's Motion *in Limine* No. 4.

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 28 ³ Uber propounded RFAs regarding whether evidence was discovered at the inspections.

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